



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

## SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Albany **Reapportionment Commission** is soliciting your comments for the redistricting of City Wards. The Commission will be holding public meetings and hearings to gather your comments and recommendations. Anyone may participate! Provide your input:

1. What is a community of interest? Are there community interests in your neighborhood?
2. What communities of interest exist within the City of Albany?
3. Share recommendations on how your Ward should be adjusted to more appropriately reflect community interests and current population levels?

Can't make it to the meeting? Send your comments to:

[Reapportionment@ci.albany.ny.us](mailto:Reapportionment@ci.albany.ny.us) or visit [www.albanyny.gov](http://www.albanyny.gov) for more information.

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one person  
one vote

Tuesday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Albany Main Branch Public Library  
Washington Avenue

Visit [www.albanyny.gov](http://www.albanyny.gov) for more information on the Reapportionment Commission

**What is "redistricting?"** Redistricting is the practice of redrawing political subdivisions, or Wards, to conform with population changes provided in Federal Decennial Census surveys. Redistricting involves making difficult decisions constricted by complicated Federal and State laws. In accordance with the City Charter, Albany has 15 Wards for review.

**Why should you care about the redistricting process?** Redistricting impacts the weight of your vote and your voice in the City's government. It ensures that the Common Council member that you vote into office works in the best interest of you and your Ward. Speaking up and participating in the process helps ensure that your rights are protected.

**Who is responsible for redistricting?** Everyone is. In accordance with the City Charter, the Common Council appoints a Reapportionment Commission to review Ward boundaries for appropriate updates and representation. However, anyone may participate by providing feedback to the Commission. The Reapportionment Commission is working with current 2010 Census data and intends to submit a redistricting plan to the Common Council by the end of 2012.

**What is the Reapportionment Commission?** The Reapportionment Commission is appointed by the Common Council to redraw Albany's Ward boundaries to accommodate population changes from the current Census survey and to submit a redistricting plan to the Common Council. The Commission must take into careful consideration the constitutional mandate of "one person, one vote," as well as the restraints imposed by Census blocks. The Commission strives to maximize the voting strength of protected populations, consistent with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**Will there be other opportunities for public input?** Yes. The Reapportionment Commission will be conducting public meetings and hearings to solicit community input. You can also send your comments via email!

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